

PLANNING REF : 243125
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 11 Remenham Row
: Wargrave Road, Henley-On-Thames, Oxfordshire
: RG9 2LQ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Derick Silver
DATE SUBMITTED : 16/10/2025

COMMENTS:

I wish to strongly object to the revised planning proposal which will have a detrimental effect on Remenham Row properties, being Thamesfield's closest neighbours and those directly impacted.

It is extremely disappointing and frustrating that none of our concerns about the first application have been taken on board.

The suggestion that by removing balconies and replacing them with large dormer windows makes this a 2.5 storey building is absurd. There will still be three floors of apartments and the height of the building is the same. Replacing a single storey building, directly facing properties at Remenham Row will result in the loss of light, view and privacy. At the moment only the top of the single storey building can be seen. The proposal to include Juliette balconies and large windows directly facing numbers 1 - 5 Remenham Row would allow occupants of the apartments to look directly into bedrooms, bathrooms and living rooms of these properties, which is totally unacceptable. Although my house is set back from the proposed building it will still alter my skyline and view.

The height and mass of the building will have a detrimental effect on our beautiful grounds and the flower beds will suffer from lack of light.

The proposed materials to be used being of grey metal cladding and red brick are not in keeping with current buildings on the Thamesfield site, nor with the surrounding area and despite what the new proposal suggests will still be seen from the opposite side of the river. It is important to remember that this is a Conservation and Green Belt Area.

The proposed building would dominate the Remenham Row estate and inevitably would have a detrimental effect on property prices.

RVG cannot currently fill their existing apartments and a proposal to build a further 17 apartments is nonsensical. Apart from Thamesfield, there are a number of other retirement/care homes within Henley and the surrounding area. For example, units at a McCarthy Stone retirement development, Albert Court, in Henley which was opened in 2018 have still not all been sold/let.

Thamesfield location is not the most ideally situated for older people as it is still some distance to walk over the bridge and into Henley town.

For all of the above reasons I call upon Wokingham Borough Council's Planning Committee to make arrangements to visit Remenham Row to fully understand the devastating impact this would have on us all.